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Testimony against the Transport of Nuclear Waste

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*Sisters of
Dorothea
elements of mother
human nature*

1... *The Sisters of Dorothea* Good morning. Thank you for conducting this hearing.

2 I oppose the transport of nuclear waste across the United States. *The reasons I present relate to denial + error*

My first reason is that we still don't have a stable, permanent site for nuclear waste. If we pretend we have a site and put the waste out of sight, it will be out of mind; and we will not only postpone research on a better resolution but we will continue to generate more waste, denying that there is a problem.

I understand from the go to that only a thing the waste planned for has been

My second reason is that I don't want waste shipped through St. Louis where I live. Nor do I want it shipped through any other place like Illinois or Kentucky where I have friends and relatives. Nor do I want it shipped where any US citizens or people of any nationality or any living beings reside.

generated. Dorothea urges a halt to waste generation.

3 *Second, about human error* You may know that the very first nuclear waste was generated in St. Louis, about two miles from here, on Second Street and Destrahan, at the Mallinckrodt Chemical Company. One building there remains sealed off today. I live on 17th Street and Mullanphy, about a mile from that site; and I'd be glad if that contaminated building could be surgically removed from St. Louis and placed somewhere safe. But residue from that building was carted off to a Latty Avenue site near the airport. Now that site is mounded and partially sealed with concrete — but in the process of shipping the nuclear waste from Destrahan to Latty, a significant amount somehow fell or blew or was dumped off the trucks and today lines ditches along McDonnell Boulevard. The effort at waste removal only increased the hazard.

as a remedy of 1st error. That's a no-action plan.

You may say that that was then and we are wiser now. I don't think so. Human beings will always take shortcuts. We will hire the cheapest, least educated labor. We will cheat to make a profit. We will deny the dangers and act with bravado because we are unwilling to face our terrors.

Public hearings are an effort to overcome denial and bring our fears out into the light of day, examine them, and make rational decisions. Based on the lack of safe, permanent storage, the continued generation of nuclear waste, and the experiences in many places like St. Louis where we live with old errors of judgment, I urge you to face the fear of future calamity realistically. Do not deny this fear. Please, reject plans to ship nuclear waste across the country.

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